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This is a disgrace.

The proposed administrative remedies are so light-handed and irrelevant as to be laughable if the subject weren't so serious. Letting MS off the hook for their anti-competitive practices by allowing them to further their monopoly is some of the most byzantine logic yet applied, and allowing them _retail_value_ in the fine structure is an insult to every intelligent person involved.

Microsoft is in this mess because of their flagrant violation of the last round of administrative remedies. They have proven time and time again that they hold no respect for the rules that govern corporate behaviour in this country.

Cut them up and break them down, do what's needed to _change_ the entrenched culture of intimidation and bullying that has gotten them to where they are. Administrative remedies that "level the playing field" are useless in an industry where the playing field changes every six months unless you change the underlying culture that created the violations in the first place.

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